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Prospects for U.S. Poultry Exports

Country	Item	Current Value of Imports From All Suppliers (\$ Million) Avg. 1993-1997	Projected Rate of Import Growth From All Suppliers (%) 1998-2004	Current Value of Imports From U.S. (\$ Million) Avg. 1993-1997	Absolute U.S. Market Share (%) 1997
Japan	Poultry Meat	1,033	3	150	14.5
Hong Kong	Poultry Meat	885	7	544	61
	Eggs	99	3	30	30
China	Poultry Meat	470	10	334.5	66.2
Mexico	Poultry Meat	164	7	162	100
Korea	Poultry Meat	56	3	32	64
Colombia	Poultry Meat	27.3	10	13.6	50
Philippines	Poultry Meat	.63	10	.18	29

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

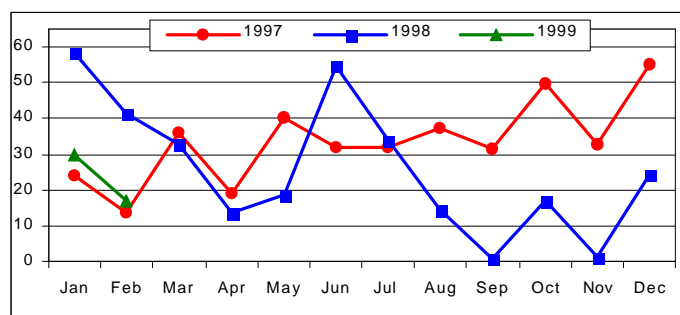
Russian Food Shortage

A United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization report listed 33 countries which have an actual or potential lack of sufficient food. Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Tajikistan were five of the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) named in the report. Twenty of the countries were in Africa.

Russia's sales of meat and poultry continued to decline in 1998. The total of 7.4 million tons was about 5% lower than the previous year. Egg output increased by 1% to 32,549 million. Yields improved from 234 to 237 eggs/bird. The total number of poultry at the end of 1998 was 359 million, down fractionally (-0.3%) from 1997 levels.

Source: WATTNETT Home Page/FAO Report

Thousands of Metric Tons of Leg Quarters Exported From the U.S. to Russia 1997, 1998, 1999



Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

Newcastle Disease in Australia

A news release on April 1 reported all necessary actions were being taken to deal with a suspected outbreak of Newcastle disease in poultry in the central coast area. One poultry pullet rearing farm was placed in quarantine and about 27,000 birds were slaughtered. By mid April three new outbreaks occurred, all broilers within a few kilometers of the original pullet farm. About 200 people were involved in the early control operation, including 126 volunteers. A total of 280,000 broilers were slaughtered. Australian Governments approved a full eradication of Newcastle Disease on the Mangrove Mountain Ridge on the New South Wales (NSW) Central Coast.

On April 29 authorities confirmed that Newcastle disease was still confined to the Mangrove Mountain ridge on the central coast of NSW. Ten poultry farms in the area had been affected by Newcastle disease and a further 20 farms were destocked in an effort to contain the disease. A workforce of nearly 1000 local, state and federal government agency personnel and volunteers, including 90 Navy personnel, were involved destroying birds.

The slaughter actually began in September, 1998 after 1,200 birds died on two farms. At that time, 100,000 chickens were killed, but the mass slaughter has been stepped up in the past two weeks.

Australia has a \$2 billion chicken industry and as many as 5 million birds in the Peats Ridge/Mangrove Mountain district were considered at risk. Sources noted the current outbreak may result in nationwide Newcastle vaccination of poultry in Australia.

Source: New South Wales Agriculture, various Australian and U.S. news sources

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending April 24, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	198	338	4,325	4,066
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	4	174	174
Total	198	342	4,505	4,290

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

	Week Ending April 24, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	96	195	1,303	1,395
Frozen	4	9	94	108
Dried	0	9	10	34
Total	100	213	1,407	1,537

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

	Week Ending April 24, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	50	28	188	181
Extra Large	1,200	1,233	9,205	10,841
Large	4,089	3,551	29,441	29,310
Medium	1,479	1,820	15,230	18,025
Ungraded	14,310	8,220	97,469	57,842
Misc	0	0	1,650	1,710
Total	21,128	14,852	153,183	117,909

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 24-Apr-99
PRELIMINARY**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,332	1,431	3,763
LAST WEEK	2,510	1,343	3,853
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,537	1,196	3,733
TO-DATE/1999	34,945	21,390	56,335
TO-DATE/1998	33,174	19,803	52,977

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	574	0	574
LAST WEEK	441	0	441
SAME WEEK YR AGO	710	19	729
TO-DATE/1999	7,902	114	8,016
TO-DATE/1998	8,935	144	9,079

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,906	1,431	4,337
LAST WEEK	2,951	1,343	4,294
SAME WEEK YR AGO	3,247	1,215	4,462
TO-DATE/1999	42,847	21,504	64,351
TO-DATE/1998	42,109	19,947	62,056

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
April 30, 1999**CHICKEN PRICES**

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	14.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.00	

40,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	9.75-10.00	-	7.50-12.00	12.00-13.50
WTD AVERAGE	9.92		10.17	12.52

2,364,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
April 30, 1999**CHICKEN PRICES**

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-16.00	-	17.00	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.09		17.00	16.00

835,100 pounds, this includes 250,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.00	15.20	16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE		15.00	15.20	16.75

400,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	9.00-14.00	14.00	9.50-13.20	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.13	14.00	11.42	13.36

1,991,800 pounds, this includes 80,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

APRIL 30, 1999

Undertone steady to weak on fresh tom breast meat, steady to barely steady on destrapped tenderloins and frozen tom breast meat. Demand light to fair on institutional breasts with offers not as tight when compared to previous weeks. Tom breast meat demand light with some older frozen noted at 160 cents delivered. Export demand and trading continues active on frozen thigh meat for multiple destinations. Some areas noting an improved export call on frozen 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey at lower price levels, while others remain slow. Grade A 10-12 lb. breasts (part load) 137 cents delivered domestic.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.00		15.00	40	15.50	164
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	22.50	20	22.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.00	104	19.00	104
TAILS	18.00		18.00	28	18.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	10.00-13.00		11.48	1,352	11.51	1,432
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-45.00		44.08	1,160	43.56	2,148

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.50		15.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	22.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.00	104
TAILS		W	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	12.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	39.00-45.50		43.00	364

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.50		16.50	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.50		22.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.00		19.00	104
TAILS	18.00		18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	12.00		12.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.00-44.00		42.38	416

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	16.00	24
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.50	104
TAILS		W	21.00	56
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	13.75	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	44.00	208

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	16.00	24
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.50	104
TAILS		W	21.00	56
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	13.75	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-45.00		44.00	208

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.